



Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District

7830 Meadowlark Way, Suite C1 – Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 83815 – Phone (208) 762-4939

Date: February 8, 2023

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Conference Room located in the NRCS Field Office at 7830 Meadowlark Way Suite C-1, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815

Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: 841 2030 8860

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. District Business

- a. Approve Minutes for January’s Meeting **ACTION ITEM**
- b. Treasurer’s Report **ACTION ITEM**

III. Agency Reports

- a. NRCS: Corey Bonsen
- b. ISWCC: Katie Yoder
- c. KSSWCD: Karla Freeman

IV. Other Business

- a. Fernan Lake Project – Presentation - Kristen Lowell
- b. Lazy JM Ranch- Outdoor Regenerative Agriculture Classroom Sponsorship- Betty Mobbs – **ACTION ITEM**
- c. Boat Station Invasive Species Program – Kelli Moe – Boat Station Manager
- d. Alternative Email Service – Discussion
- e. Leading Idaho – Powderhorn Project Sponsor– Gregory Brands – **ACTION ITEM**
- f. Forestry Contest – Sponsorship – **ACTION ITEM**
- g. Spring Division Meeting – Venue – **ACTION ITEM**

V. On Going Business

Next Meeting March 8, 2023 at 9:00 am Conference Room located in the NRCS Field Office at 7830 Meadowlark Way Suite C-1, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815

VII. Adjournment ACTION ITEM

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"Putting conservation on the ground by promoting stewardship"

Minutes

Date: February 8, 2023

Present

Laurin Scarcello – Chairman
Linda Ely – Vice – Chairman
Wes Evans – Secretary/Treasurer
Joel Noland – Supervisor - ZOOM
Thomas Shafer - Supervisor
Bob Flagor –Associate Supervisor
Jon Groth – Associate Supervisor
Karla Freeman, KSSWCD
John Mobbs – Associate Supervisor
Corey Bonsen- NRCS
Bill Lillibridge – ISWCC - ZOOM
Sarah Garcia – BCSWCD- ZOOM
Kristin Lowell – DEQ
Lily Conrad – DEQ
Kelli Moe – Boat Station Manager
Betty Mobbs – Lazy J Ranch

Absent (Board members)

John Minichino Jr., Supervisor
Kevin Hicks, Supervisor

Meeting was held at the NRCS Conference Room located at 7830 Meadowlark Way Suite C-1, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Laurin Scarcello at 9:00 am.

Linda Ely moved, and Wes Evans seconded the motion to approve the January's 2023 minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Linda Ely moved, and Wes Evans seconded the motion to approve the January's 2023 financial reports. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was Corey Bonsen, NRCS with updates:

Staffing and Office

- The recent graduate we selected for the Coeur d'Alene office is Gabriel Traver. He will be starting on February 13th. Gabriel recently graduated with a Master's degree in Forestry.
- We received a few applications for the NACD partner position, so Cindy and I will be doing interviews in the next week or so to try and make a selection.

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the next board meeting on March 8, 2023, to answer these questions so the board can make a more informed decision on being a sponsor.

Next on the agenda was Betty Mobbs to request sponsorship to help build an outdoor classroom to teach regenerative ranching. The target audience for this is FFA, 4-H, biology, ecology, agricultural and culinary students and adults. Wes Evans moved, and Joel Noland seconded the motion to sponsor Lazy J Ranch with a \$2,000 contribution. This will be done after the budget is revised for the remaining 2023 year. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was Kelli Moe, Boat Station Manager to discuss what the boat stations do and their vital role in the Invasive Species Program. Karla updated that the district should be receiving the MOU from ISDA in the next week.

Next on the agenda was Joel Noland, Supervisor who had comments and concerns on our current yahoo email provider that the district uses. This is an ongoing discussion that will be revisited at the next board meeting.

Next on the agenda was Bill Lillibridge, ISWCC to update the board on the Powder horn Bay Project through Leading Idaho Initiative. This is a project that was submitted by Gregory Brands, landowner at Powder horn Bay. Gregory Brands is requesting the district be the sponsor on this project. Bill Lillibridge will look into the project site and the project application to see if this is something the district would be interested in sponsoring. Bill will update the board at the next board meeting on March 8, 2023. This action item will be carried forward to the March agenda. No action was taken on this.

Next on the agenda was the Forestry Contest and sponsorship of this annual program. This is a program that we sponsor each year with the Bonner County Soil & Water Conservation District. Linda Ely moved, and Wes Evans seconded the motion to support the Forestry Contest with a \$50.00 contribution. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was the Spring Division Meeting venue. Wes Evans moved, and Thomas Shaffer seconded the motion to give Karla Freeman, District Administrator permission to secure a venue for the upcoming spring meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next on the agenda was Laurin Scarcello, Chairman. Laurin spoke on the Open Space flyer that he has created and asked everyone for feedback concerning this.

Next on the agenda was an update from Jon Groth on the Kinston Cataldo Sewer Plant Project. This is moving forward, and the land has been acquired. Construction bids should be going out in late summer or early fall of this year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.